

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the requirements of 17 V.S.A. Sec. 2645, public hearings concerning proposed amendments to the Burlington City Charter will be held on **Friday, January 16, 2015 at 12:00 noon** and **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in Contois Auditorium, City Hall, Burlington, Vermont.

The Burlington City Council has voted to place the following four proposals to amend sections of the Burlington City Charter on the ballot of the Annual City Meeting to be held March 3, 2015. Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Sec. 2645(a)(6), the City Council has further determined that the proposed charter amendments are too long or unwieldy to set out in amended form and has determined that the printed ballot shall utilize the following short form questions. An official copy of the full proposed charter amendments is on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, and copies shall be made available to members of the public upon request.

The first proposal is as follows:

“Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to delete the requirement that certain appointed members of City boards and department heads be required to be legal voters of the city of Burlington and instead require that they be Burlington residents, by amending sections 48, 120, 130, 183, 196, 203, 218, 226, 276, 277, and 322, to reflect the change from “legal voter” to “resident of Burlington?”

The second proposal is as follows:

“Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to change the term lengths of appointed City board members to a uniform three years, by deleting section 121 and amending sections 126 and 276, which would change the terms of airport commissioners and planning commissioners from four years to three and clarify the terms of library commissioners as being three years, except that any commissioner in office at the time of enactment of this amendment shall remain in office until the conclusion of the term to which that commissioner was appointed?”

The third proposal is as follows:

“Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to remove requirements about political affiliation on certain boards, by deleting section 123 and amending section 322, which would remove the requirement of political affiliation for the boards of assessors, tax appeals, public works commissioners, cemetery commissioners, police commissioners, light commissioners, fire commissioners, airport commissioners, park and recreation commissioners, planning commissioners, and Church Street Marketplace commissioners?”

The fourth proposal is as follows:

“Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to amend subsections (a) and (b) of Section 65 of Article 25 Appropriations, to provide that the City Council may by resolution create reserve funds to pay for capital or operating expenses of City

departments, which revenues and expenditures will be identified in the City budget (as amended), kept in separate accounts, and expended for any legal purpose for which the fund was established?ö